Wm Goodell,

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Mass. Convention.

It is true I could argue the Question of
Slave holders without any mention, direct
or pro Slavery voters. — I might mention
the Mission Churches, without any mention
of the Churches at home. — It would be
appropriate so to do — and I should proba-
bly restrict myself accordingly. — But
the document, Coming from me, would be
understood as Covering all the ground: —
and prejudice might be excited against it.
It may indeed, deserve reflection, whether
it would be best to enlist men in the Ante
prize of Ante Slavery Missions, & of Ante Slavery
Churches among the heathen, before they have
learned better than to sustain pro-Slavery Chur
-ches at home — and cause them to find out
their true position, by the experiment — Or
whether they should be enabled & admonished
to "Count the Cost" before they begin.
Your views, in the next U.S. Reporter,
I shall be interested to see. — I cannot
suppose we can be very far apart.
On the whole, you had better calculate
to "be present" as you "hope" to be — Come
with your "address" in your pocket.
Should Providence absolutely prevent, let
me have all the hints in your power to
suggest. As to the time of the Boston Con
vention, let us know the right time, if you
can. — If not, we must appoint a Committee
to fix the time. — The mode of Conducting
Missions is an important Subject, & I hope
you will follow out your purpose of investigating
it. — Write me soon.
Yours truly Wm Goodell

Such occasions, the audience assembled have ever
evid their patience by listening to long documents,
presented by W.G. ——— I fear they would be ready
to exclaim, 'Vat!' Monseuer Tonson Come again'!
Variety — Change — in this respect, seems desirable
And a New England man would be heard to better
advantage, just now, than any of the ultras
of, either Central or Western N. York — par
ticularly to denouncing a one as myself.
Whatever I might say on the Missionary ques-
tion would be identified with my supposed
Radicalism about Anti Slavery Church Secess
ion, here, at the North. And I confess I
cannot very well separate the two Enterprizes
either in theory or practice. — I cannot see
how the Am. Board can be wrong, if a
mixture of abolitionists and Slave Holders (not
owners) i.e. pro Slavery Voters, in the Northern
Churches is right. The Missionary Question
as presented at Brooklyn, involves the Church
question & grows out of it. And then I
doubt whether Anti Slavery Missions can be
carried on, to any great advantage, without
Anti Slavery Churches, at home, to sustain them.
The "Church discipline" you propose to
have discarded, Covers the Choctaw & the Central
N. York Churches, alike! ——— You See
what sort of work W.G. would make,
presenting documents &c to Your Missionary
Convention! Are you willing to run the
risk of the experiment?

Honeoye. Ontario Co. N.Y. Jun 7th 1846

Dear Bro. Kelly

To-day's mail brings me yours of 30th. ult. You did well, under the Circumstances, to prefer Syracuse to Auburn. I had doubts whether there were abolitionists enough, in the latter place, to give us a Cordial welcome. And so it turns out. ——— Farther west would have accommodated our Western Country better, but, what hinders our having another, in this Region within the Current Year? As to the forth Coming Convention, Syracuse must be the place, now it is announced. It would not do to Change, were it never so bad a Selection, which — on the Whole, it is not.

But how is this? Off to Washington? My dear Sir, every body will be depending upon you, (as I was,) to come to this Missionary Convention with such well digested information & propositions as nobody else, at the present moment, is so well qualified to present & furnish. This I had taken for granted, all along, that you were to be the leading proposer of measures, on this occasion. — There is a Special Reason why I should not be the one to Come forward with the Leading documents at a Convention at Syracuse. Two writers in succession, one have had Church Reform Conventions in that place, and on